



HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Hey Family!

We know some of you are ready to blast the Christmas carols and put up the tree, but Thanksgiving is here for now.

Giving thanks is biblical, and you can use Thanksgiving as an opportunity to disciple your child! We have put together some activities that will engage your child with loving God, loving people, discovering their purpose, and winning their world during Thanksgiving!

Love God

1 Chronicles 16:34 says, “Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!” Thanksgiving is a great holiday to talk with your child about giving thanks to God! Get a tablecloth that you can write on and some markers! Explain to your child that this is a thankfulness tablecloth. Every day in November leading up to Thanksgiving each member of your family will write one thing on the tablecloth that they’re thankful for. Try to fill the tablecloth up as much as possible! Then, on Thanksgiving, before you start eating, say a prayer thanking God for each thing listed on the tablecloth.

Love People

The people in our lives need to know that we’re thankful for them. A fun and intentional way to do this with your child is by teaching them to speak life over people. On Thanksgiving, after everyone has finished eating, say that you’re going to do something fun as a family. You’re all going to speak life over one another! Explain that everyone will speak life over each family member by going around the table and starting with, “I’m thankful for you because...” and then finishing with why they’re thankful for that person. This is a great way to speak life over your child while helping them practice speaking life over others too!

Discover Purpose

Being thankful can be hard sometimes, particularly when we’re going through a difficult season. But, as followers of Jesus, we can still choose joy in Him! A handle for Discover Purpose is “Our purpose affects our attitude.” You can model this for your child! At the beginning of November, talk with your child about Thanksgiving coming up and how we are to give thanks to God for everything He has given us. Explain that this month your family is going to play a fun game: all month long! You’re going to see who can give thanks for something the quickest: for example, when getting in the car for school drop-off, you all will “race” to see who can give thanks for the car the fastest! This activity will help show your child that they can be thankful for even the little things they may not always think about, and it will show them how to let their purpose of winning their world to Jesus affect their attitude to be an attitude of gratitude!

Win Your World

When we think of Thanksgiving, we all think of coming together with our families, sitting around a big table, and eating a yummy meal. Unfortunately, this is not the reality for some. They may have lost loved ones or moved to another city. One of our handles under Win Your World is “We include people in our world.” Think of someone you know who may have no one to spend Thanksgiving with. Explain to your child that this person needs a family to spend Thanksgiving with and that you’re going to invite them to spend it with your family! Talk with your child about the importance of including others and bring them with you to invite this person to Thanksgiving! Include someone in your world this Thanksgiving, showing your child one way they can win their world.

Family, we hope you take time this Thanksgiving to acknowledge all God has given you and that you will overflow with gratitude to Him! We love you, and we at fpKIDS are thankful for you!